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SUBJECT: AGHA SHAHI ON THE CENTO MINISTERIAL

1. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT HIS IMPRESSIONS OF RECENT
CENTO MINISTERIAL, FOREIGN ADVISOR AGHA SHAHI LAUNCHED INTO A
LONG LECTURE ON THE PROBLEMS OF HAVING CENTO MILITARY PLANNERS
INVOLVED IN CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THE REGION THAT CONTEMPLATE THE
POSSIBLE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHOUT WHAT HE REGARDS AS
ADEQUATE GUIDANCE FROM "SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS" BY THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS. HE SAID HE HAD RAISED HIS CONCERNS ON THIS MATTER WITH
BOTH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN AND SECRETARY VANCE, NOTING THAT THE
ABSENCE OF ANALYSIS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL CREATED AN
"ANOMALOUS SITUATION" FOR THE PLANNERS. AT THE VERY LEAST, HE
SAID, MINISTERS SHOULD CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH NUCLEAR
PLANNING ON SUCH MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE AS THE MATTER OF SECURITY
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ASSURANCES TO NON-NUCLEAR POWER STATES, AS WELL AS THE PROSPECTS
FOR EXPOSING THE REGION, IN MILITARY TERMS, TO A SOVIET
COUNTER-STRIKE.

2. REVERTING TO A MORE FAMILIAR THEME, HE SAID HE HAD ALSO TOLD
HIS COLLEAGUES IN LONDON OF PAKISTAN'S CONCERN THAT THE
MINISTERS HAD FAILED TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPLICATIONS

OF THE 1971 INDO-SOVIET TREATY, WHICH REMAINS IN FORCE EVEN TODAY. ONE ASPECT OF THIS OF FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN TO PAKISTAN IS THAT INDIA CAN COUNT ON SOVIET SUPPORT BUT PAKISTAN CANNOT COUNT ON CEN TO SUPPORT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR IN WHAT HE CALLED "WARS BY PROXY," AS IN 1971.

3. SECRETARY VANCE, HE SAID, "AGREED WITH PAKISTAN'S ANALYSIS" AND "ON THE NEED FOR ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN," INDICATING THAT THE US WOULD CONSIDER PAKISTAN VIEWS FURTHER AND BE BACK TO THE PAKS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE POUCH COPIES OF PERTINENT MEMCONS.
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